



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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### ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS LEAK UNIFIED COMMAND

The purpose of this communicate is to inform your Honorable Board that effective January 22, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., the Fire Department, Department of Public Health and Southern California Gas Company will enter into Unified Command. Unified Command is a team effort process, allowing all agencies with geographical or functional responsibility for an incident, to assign an Incident Commander to the Unified Command organization. In addition to the three agencies leading this effort, it will allow us to more comprehensively work and communicate effectively with the State agencies involved.

The Unified Command organization is responsible for establishing a common set of incident objectives and strategies that all unified partners can subscribe to. This is accomplished without losing or giving up agency authority, responsibility or accountability. The County will benefit as a result of each agency being fully aware of the plans, actions and constraints of other unified partners; improved Information flow and coordination among all unified partners; and increased efficiencies resulting from the optimization of unified operational capacities.

Additional advantages of Unified Command are as follows:

- A collective approach is made to developing strategies to achieve incident objectives
- All unified partners have an understanding of one another's priorities and restrictions
- No agency's authority or legal requirements are compromised or neglected
- Unified partners speak as 'one voice' as information flow is received, coordinated and disseminated jointly

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ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER  
BRADBURY

CALABASAS  
CARSON  
CERRITOS  
CLAREMONT  
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COVINA  
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DIAMOND BAR  
DUARTE  
EL MONTE  
GARDENA  
GLENDALE  
HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS  
HUNTINGTON PARK  
INDUSTRY  
INGLEWOOD  
IRVINDALE  
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE  
LA HABRA

LA MIRADA  
LA PUENTE  
LAKEWOOD  
LANCASTER  
LAWDALE  
LOMITA  
LYNWOOD

MALIBU  
MAYWOOD  
NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
PARAMOUNT  
PICO RIVERA

POMONA  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
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